

REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 9, 10, 18, 19, 21, and 23-40 are amended. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claim, and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Examiner and his Supervisor are thanked for the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative at the April 20, 2005 personal interview. The points discussed are incorporated herein.

The Office Action rejected claims 10-22, 25-28, and 31-34 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Fushimoto et al. (hereinafter "Fushimoto), U.S. Patent No. 5,742,505. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 10, 19, 25, 27, 31, and 33 have been amended to recite that the additional screen partially overlays a screen displaying the input alphabet letter. As tentatively agreed at the April 20, 2005 personal interview, such features in combination with the other claimed features define over Fushimoto. Accordingly, the rejection of independent claims 10, 19, 25, 27, 31, and 33 over Fushimoto should be withdrawn. Dependent claims 11-18, 20-22, 26, 28, 32, and 34 are allowable at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to independent claims 10, 19, 25, 27, 31, and 33, from which they respectively depend, as well as for their added features.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-9, 23-24, 29-30, and 35-40 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Wilson et al. (hereinafter “Wilson”), U.S. Patent No. 5,467,170. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1, 23, 29, 35, 37, and 39 have been amended to recite a hand-held mobile communication terminal. As tentatively agreed at the April 12, 2005 personal interview, such features in combination with the other claimed features define over Wilson. Accordingly, the rejection of independent claims 1, 23, 29, 35, 37, and 39 over Wilson should be withdrawn. Dependent claims 2-9, 24, 30, 36, 38, and 40 are allowable at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to independent claims 1, 23, 29, 35, 37, and 39, from which they respectively depend, as well as for their added features.

The Office Action rejected claims 16-17, and 22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fushimoto in view of Wilson. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Dependent claims 16-17 and 22 are allowable over Fushimoto at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to independent claims 10 and 19, from which they respectively depend, as well as for their added features. Wilson fails to overcome the deficiencies of Fushimoto, as Wilson is merely cited as allegedly teaching selecting one of a plurality of alphabet letters using a numerical key on a keypad. Accordingly, the rejection of dependent claims 16-17 and 22 over the combination of Fushimoto and Wilson should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes

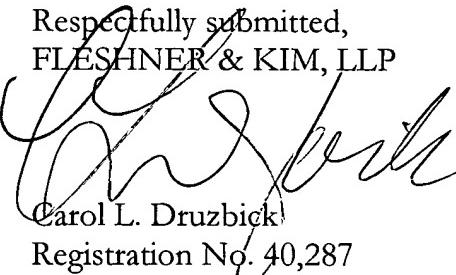
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would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **Carol L. Druzick**, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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